

Prior law (R.S. 42:1121), relative to Code of Governmental Ethics, prohibited a former agency head or elected official for a period of two years following the termination of his public service as the head of such agency or as an elected public official serving in such agency from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving that agency or from rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for such agency. Further prohibited a former member of a board or commission for a period of two years following the termination of his public service on such board or commission from contracting with, being employed in any capacity by, or being appointed to any position by that board or commission. Further prohibited a legal entity in which a former public servant is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee for a period of two years following termination of his public service from assisting another person for compensation in a transaction or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which such public servant at any time participated during his public service and involving his former agency. Prohibited a former public servant from sharing in any compensation received by another person for assistance which such former public servant is prohibited from rendering by prior law.

New law provides an exception from prior law to allow a licensed physician who is a former member of the governing authority of a hospital service district or any legal entity in which the physician is an officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee to be employed by or to contract with the hospital service district or any entity over which the governing authority of the hospital service district exercises supervision or jurisdiction to perform professional health care services directly related to his expertise as a physician, to contract with the hospital service district or any entity over which the governing authority of the hospital service district exercises supervision or jurisdiction for the purchase or lease of property related to the physician's health care practice, and to contract with the hospital service district or any entity over which the governing authority of the hospital service district exercises supervision or jurisdiction for the sale of the physician's practice.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2012).

(Adds R.S. 42:1121(H))